

“1) said electronic components are sealed with the same thermo setting resin (a thermo setting resin [Brief Summary (41)]), and said thermo setting resin is in a solid state (a solid epoxy resin [Brief Summary (14)]) at temperatures of 40°C or below (at temperatures 50°C [Brief Summary (14)]) before curing,...”.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the text of the Nishizawa et al patent, however, and have been unable to locate any portion of the specification which bears such a designation. In particular, the specification contains no section which bears the designation “Brief Summary”, and moreover, the specification is formatted with column and line numbers, and does not include any paragraph numbers. Accordingly, Applicants have no way of determining which portion of the specification is being relied on by virtue of the designation “Brief Summary (41)” (Page 3, line 2) or “Brief Summary (14)” (Page 3, lines 3 and 4).

On or about December 20, 2007, after receiving an inquiry from the Applicants concerning the references in question, counsel for the Applicants discussed the Office Action with Examiner Chen. Following that conversation, Mr. Chen emailed a series of documents to counsel, including an html version of the patent in question (Nishizawa et al).

Applicants wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Chen for his efforts to clarify this situation. Nevertheless, while the html version of the document contains a paragraph 14 under a heading "Brief Summary" (which does not appear in the patent itself, and was apparently inserted by a compiler of the html version), the paragraph numbered 41 is contained under the heading "Detailed Description of the Invention" (which does appear in the patent at Column 3, line 1).

While Applicants believe that these paragraphs were indeed those paragraphs which were intended to be referred to in the Office Action, as noted previously, the Nishizawa et al contains no paragraph numbers, and no designation "Brief Summary". Accordingly, in order to make the record clear in this regard, and in view of the fact that approximately one month of the three month's statutory period for response had expired by the time the Examiner sent the documents in question to Applicants, Applicants believe that clarification of the record, by reissuance of the Office Action is essential. Moreover, they are also entitled to the full three-month's statutory period for response.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Office Action be corrected, with proper reference to the Nishizawa et al reference according to column number and line number, So that the record will be clear, and so that Applicants may

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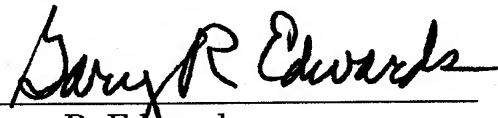
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know with certainty exactly which portions of the specification the Office Action is relying on.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056205.57275US).

Respectfully submitted,

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